

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application after this amendment. Claims 1, 6 and 12 are independent. In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended the claims to more appropriately recite the present invention. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments are being made without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to timely advance prosecution of the present application.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Umeyama (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0057473). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claim Rejections

In their previous reply, Applicants argued that Umeyama failed to teach or suggest all of the claim elements, including the storage unit and the image data playback unit as claimed. In response to these arguments, the Examiner refers to reference number 207 and paragraphs 46-47. At this citation, the Examiner asserts that Umeyama discloses the image data that is temporarily stored is displayed and the display image is updated by repeatedly executing steps S1-S6. The Examiner notes that these steps perform continuous display as there is no specified break or cessation in the repeated loop of S1-S6. The Examiner further asserts that there is no limitation on the claimed "continuous display."

Umeyama discloses, in paragraph 0047 as follows:

In step S4, the image data are read out from the buffer memory 207 to the image processing ASIC 206 and a display image is created in correspondence to the display resolution at the display monitor 3. In step S5, the display image prepared in step S4 is displayed at the display monitor 3. In the following step S6, a decision is made as to whether or not the main switch 4 has been turned off or whether or not the mode has been switched from the photographing mode to the reproduction mode. If a negative decision

is made (NO), the operation of returns to step S1, whereas if an affirmative decision dismayed (YES), the sequence of photographing mode processing ends. **The display image displayed at the display monitor 3, which is referred to as a through image, is updated over predetermined intervals based upon the subject light entering the zoom lens 2 by repeatedly executing the processing in steps S1-S6.** (emphasis added)

As can be seen from the above disclosure, Umeyama discloses displaying image data on a monitor from the memory stored in buffer 207. The image is displayed on the display and the display is updated over predetermined intervals.

The invention of claim 1, as amended, recites, *inter alia*, mobile phone equipment, comprising a first image data storage unit for temporarily storing a plurality of original image data obtained with a continuous photographing function of said photographing unit; and an image data playback unit for continuously and simultaneously displaying on said display unit the plurality of said original image data stored in said first image data storage unit until input from a user is received.

As can be seen from claim 1, mobile phone equipment provides for an image playback unit for continuously displaying on the display the plurality of original image data stored in the first image data storage unit. The invention provides for an ability of the user to continuously display the captured images on the display. The images are not removed from the display until an operation is performed by the user.

As can be seen from the above disclosure, Umeyama fails to teach or suggest continuously and simultaneously displaying images captured from a continuous photographing function on a display until input from a user is received. As such, Umeyama fails to anticipate claim 1. It is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-5 and 8-10 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1 at least based on their dependency on claim 1.

Claim 6 recites elements similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1 and thus claim 6, together with claims dependent thereon, are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

Claim 12 currently recites “continuously displaying the plurality of thumbnail image data on a display until input from a user is received.” In support of the Examiner’s rejection of claim 12, the Examiner merely asserts “one of ordinary skill in the art knows that thumbnail data is displayed, not full size data.” However, this comment does not address continuously displaying data until input from a user is received. As noted above, Umeyama merely discloses displaying one image only for a predetermined time interval. Applicants respectfully submit that Umeyama fails to teach or suggest continuously and simultaneously displaying a plurality of images on a display. Further, Applicants submit that Umeyama fails to teach or suggest continuously displaying image data until input is received from a user.

As such, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 12, together with claims dependent thereon, are not anticipated by Umeyama. It is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet Reg. No. 52,327 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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